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1. The Plovdiv Departmental Prison is located in Plovdiv, approximately 150 meters north of the Maritsa River, facing Voinishka Street. The central building is a one-story structure which was built in approximately 1880-1890. The entire building is made of stone and has inner and outer walls 70-150 centimeters thick. In 1942 an additional small section, composed of four rooms, was built on the old building immediately over the entrance.

2. The prison is divided into three parts:

   a. Detention wing.

   b. Wing for those who have been sentenced.

   c. Women's wing.

3. Cells are approximately six meters wide, eight meters long, and four meters high and have wooden floors. There are also a few solitary cells with similar floors for major criminals.

4. There are no beds, sleeping boards, or straw mattresses in the prison; all prisoners must sleep on the floor. The only water for the prisoners is in the washroom and the supply is insufficient for the needs of the prisoners. Two cells were converted into bathrooms, but the prisoners are allowed to bathe only infrequently. For example, from October 1944 until May 1945, not a single prisoner was allowed to take a bath.

5. Health conditions were about the lowest of any prison in Bulgaria. Medical facilities were inadequate and prisoners suffered constantly from various

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1. Cells.
2. Solitary cells for those who have been arrested.
3. Solitary cells for those who have been sentenced.
4. Wardens' room.
5. Barber shop.
6. Prison store.
7. Wash room and toilets.
8. Exterior guard room.
9. Lawyer's room.
10. Visiting room.
11. Office.
12. Lecture hall.
13. Laundry.
14. Bath.
15. Store room.
16. Workshops.
17. Bakery.
18. Kitchen.
19. Doctor's office.
20. Dentist's office.
21. Dispensary.
22. Not known.
23. Guard shelters.
24. Electric water pump.
25. Greenhouse.
26. Garden house.
27. Housekeeping building.
28. Courtyard of 9 Infantry Regiment.
29. Shelter of 9 Infantry Regiment.
30. Vegetable garden.
31. Flower garden.
32. Canal.
33. Prison wall, 4.5 meters high, 1 meter thick with broken glass and metal bars and barbed wire imbedded on top.
34. Neighboring buildings.
35. Hedge, two meters high, 1½ meters thick with barbed wire running through it.

1. [redacted] Comment: The police company from the Second Army which conducts the executions is composed of Captain Stefan Borisev Balkanski, Master Sergeant Komovski, and 22 soldiers.

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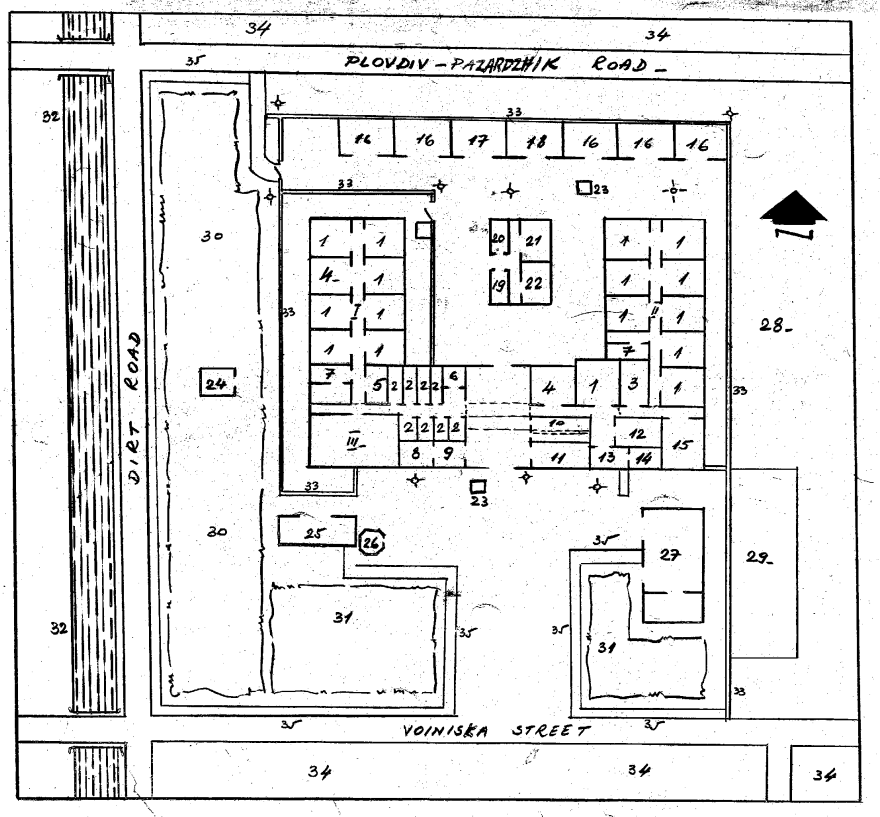

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